

Thank you for letting me come. I look forward to answering your questions.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:06 p.m. at the Greenbrier. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. Matt Blunt of Missouri, son of Representative Roy Blunt. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of these remarks.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

January 22

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, at the Capitol Hilton Hotel, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the Alfalfa Club Dinner.

January 23

In the morning, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

January 24

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will host a working dinner for President Jacques Chirac of France in Brussels, Belgium, on February 21.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael Jackson to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of the Presidential delegation to Poland to attend the 60th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau: Vice President Dick Cheney (head of delegation); Lynne Cheney; Victor Ashe; Representative Tom Lantos; Annette Tillemann Lantos; Feliks Bruks; Deborah Lipstadt; Fred Schwartz; and Elie Wiesel.

January 25

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ayad Allawi of the Iraqi Interim Government to discuss the upcoming elections in Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, the President met with African American leaders and pastors. Later, he participated in an interview with the Boston Herald.

Later in the afternoon, in the Cabinet Room, the President met with Republican Members of the Senate Finance Committee and Senate Republican leadership to discuss Social Security and other legislative priorities.

In the evening, the President met with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and combatant commanders. He then hosted a dinner for them and their spouses on the State Floor.

January 26

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Luiz Inacio Lula of Brazil and King Juan Carlos I of Spain. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Bethesda, MD.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Cabinet Room, he met with members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Later in the afternoon, in the Residence, the President met with Republican Members of the House Ways and Means Committee and House Republican leadership to discuss Social Security and other legislative priorities.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Secretary-General Kofi Annan of the United Nations to discuss the upcoming elections in Iraq.

January 27

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Ghazi al-Ujayl al-Yawr of the Iraqi Interim Government to discuss the upcoming elections and security situation in Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Cleveland, OH, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer T.J. Powell. Later, at The Cleveland Clinic, he viewed a demonstration of health care information technology.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, he participated in an interview with the New York Times. He then participated in an interview with Brian Lamb of C-SPAN.

January 28

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to White Sulphur Springs, WV, arriving in the afternoon.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint Brig. Gen. Jack Nicholson, USA (Ret.), as Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ronald A. Faucheux and Daron R. Shaw as members of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

The President announced his intention to designate Peter Lichtenbaum as Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted January 24

David A. Balton,
of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and Fisheries (new position).

Stephen Thomas Conboy,
of Virginia, to be U.S. Marshal for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for

the term of 4 years, vice Todd Walther Dillard.

Joseph R. DeTrani,
of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for the Six Party Talks (new position).

John Thomas Schieffer,
of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Japan.

Michael Butler,
of Tennessee, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2008, vice Eric D. Eberhard, term expired.

James William Carr,
of Arkansas, to be a member of the National Security Education Board for a term of 4 years, vice Manuel Trinidad Pacheco, term expired.

Harold Damelin,
of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, vice Jeffrey Rush, Jr., resigned.

George M. Dennison,
of Montana, to be a member of the National Security Education Board for a term of 4 years, vice Bruce Sundlun, term expired.

Thomas C. Dorr,
of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, vice Jill L. Long, resigned.

Thomas C. Dorr,
of Iowa, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, vice Jill L. Long, resigned.

Edward L. Flippen,
of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service, vice J. Russell George.

Peter Cyril Wyche Flory,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, vice Jack Dyer Crouch II.